

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Between the**  
**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, Office of Governmentwide Policy**  
**and the**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Chief Information Officer**  
**and the**  
**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, Chief Information Officer**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding Indian Native Sovereign Nations requesting a government domain name, is made and entered into by and between the GSA Office of Government Wide Policy (hereinafter referred to as GSA), the Department of the Interior Chief Information Officer (hereinafter referred to as the DOI-CIO, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Chief Information Officer (hereinafter referred to as the BIA-CIO).

### **I. Background**

The GSA has ruled that other non-federal governments (state and local governments) will receive recognition in the dot-Gov (.gov) namespace. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has ruled that Native Sovereign Nations deserve the same recognition in the dot-Gov namespace as other non-federal governments (state and local governments.)

### **II. Purpose**

This MOU outlines the agreement and the roles between GSA, DOI-CIO, and BIA-CIO when a Indian Native Sovereign Nation requests a government domain name for approval from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

### **III. Agreement**

All signatories to this MOU agree that for purposes of registering second level dot-Gov domain names:

- A. Native Sovereign Nations must be Federally recognized Indian Tribes, as determined by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- B. Native Sovereign Nations may register any second level domain name provided it contains the registering NSN name followed by a suffix of "-NSN.GOV" (case insensitive).
- 3) Native Sovereign Nations will administer government domain sites according to government guidelines for appropriate content.

### **IV. The BIA-CIO:**

- A. Shall review written Native Sovereign Nation requests for a government domain name, and determine eligibility based on status as a Federally recognized Indian Tribe.
- B. Shall provide a letter directly to GSA indicating BIA-CIO approval of the request.

**V. The DOI-CIO:**

- A. The DOI-CIO agrees to and herein delegates to the BIA-CIO authority to review, approve and send directly to GSA written requests for NSN government domain names.
- B. The DOI-CIO reserves the right, in consultation and agreement with the BIA-CIO and after sufficient notice to the NSN domain manager, to revoke approval of a NSN government domain based on guidelines for appropriate government site content.



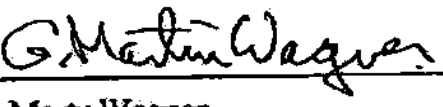
**VI. The GSA Shall:**

- A. Accept approval letters directly from BIA-CIO for the creation of NSN domain names.
- B. Revoke NSN domain names identified in writing by the DOI-CIO and/or the BIA-CIO on the basis of their determination of appropriate government site content.

**VII. Term of Agreement**

The term of this MOU shall be from the date of last signatory, continued indefinitely, and is subject to periodic review by the signatories.

**VIII. Signature of the principal contacts for this agreement:**

	
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